

Ordinance No. _____ **ORDINANCE:** To adopt the Municipal Growth Element Plan as an amendment to the adopted Master Plan for Rockville

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.08 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council of Rockville did, by Ordinance No. 24-02, adopt the Comprehensive Master Plan (the “Master Plan”) for the City of Rockville (the “City”), and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) under the provisions of Section 3.07 of Article 66B or the Annotated Code of Maryland may recommend adoption of any amendment or extension of or addition to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.05 (a)(4)(x) of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland sets forth that the General Plan must have a municipal growth element; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council requested the Commission to make, approve and recommend to the Mayor and Council a Municipal Growth Element; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the preparation of the Municipal Growth Element, the City staff did carefully and comprehensively review and study the existing conditions and define future growth areas in the City and assesses the impacts of projected growth on public services and infrastructure such as police, fire and emergency medical services, schools, libraries and parks; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Growth Element has been prepared for the purpose of providing a clear vision and guide for the future of the City and to provide a framework for the City to maintain its sense of community and identity for future generations; and

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WHEREAS, the said Municipal Growth Element was the subject of a Planning Commission presentation on May 12, 2010 and Planning Commission Public Hearing on June 9, 2010, as required by law, and work sessions on June 23, July 14, and July 28 2010 held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2010, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution approving the Municipal Growth Element as Resolution No. 1-10; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 3.08 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council is required to adopt amendments to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan and amendments made from time to time provide a general framework for assisting the Mayor and City Council and City Planning Commission in making land use policy and facilities decisions; and

WHEREAS, the said Municipal Growth Element was the subject of Mayor and Council presentation on August 2, 2010, a public hearing on September 13, 2010, to receive further comments on the Commission's recommendation to the Mayor and Council, and a work session on October 11, 2010.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that the Municipal Growth Element, amendment to the General Plan, thoroughly reviewed by the legislative body is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville, consisting of the publication entitled "Municipal Growth Element" dated December 13, 2010.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting on

Glenda Evans, City Clerk